Great Gatsby Study Guide

Junior English – Mr. Daniels

Chapter 1

1. What has Nick’s father taught Nick about life?
2. Why does Nick move to West Egg?
3. How does Nick describe himself at the beginning of the book?
4. How does Nick describe Tom Buchanan?
5. Who is Jordan Baker? What does Nick find appealing about her?
6. Why does Tom and Daisy invite Nick to dinner?
7. How does Daisy respond to the phone calls from Tom's "woman in New York"?
8. What is Gatsby doing when Nick first sees him?
9. From what you’ve learned about Daisy and Jordan so far, what does their attitude seem to be?

Chapter 2

1. List off 3 characteristics of the Valley of Ashes.
2. How does Nick meet Tom’s mistress?
3. How does Myrtle react to Tom’s arrival?
4. Describe George Wilson. How does he react to Tom’s arrival?
5. Why, according to Catherine, has Tom not left Daisy to marry Myrtle Wilson?
6. Mrs. McKee gave one reason why she didn’t marry the man during her trip to Marseilles? What was the reason?
7. How does Myrtle behave as the party progresses?
8. What does Tom's breaking of Myrtle's nose indicate about his respect for her and for Daisy?

Chapter 3

1. Describe two ways in which Nick differs from the other guests at Gatsby’s party.
2. What does Jordan Baker’s friend, Lucille, speculate about Gatsby?
3. List 3 other rumors about Gatsby that are suggested at the party.
4. What does Nick think of Gatsby when he first meets him?
5. What does the owl-eyed man in the library find extraordinary about Gatsby’s library?
6. What is comical about the car accident in this chapter?
7. What does Nick learn about Jordan Baker after he spends some time with her?
8. What does Nick see as his “cardinal virtue”?

Chapter 4

1. What does Gatsby tell Nick about himself?
2. What accomplishment of Meyer Wolfsheim’s does Gatsby describe to Nick? How does Nick react?
3. Describe the events that Jordan Baker tells Nick about Daisy, Gatsby, and Tom.
4. According to Jordan, what did Daisy do on her wedding day? Why?
5. What was Tom Buchanan doing shortly after the wedding?
6. Why does Gatsby want to have tea with Daisy at Nick’s house? Why doesn’t Gatsby ask Nick for this favor himself?
7. What does Tom do when he and Daisy return from their honeymoon?
8. What favor is asked of Callaway on the behalf of Gatsby?

Chapter 5

1. What does Gatsby offer Nick in return for Nick’s cooperation in inviting Daisy to his house?
2. How does Nick Carraway catch Gatsby in a lie?
3. What is the meeting between Gatsby and Daisy like initially?
4. How are Daisy and Gatsby different when Nick returns to the house after a half an hour?
5. What are Gatsby’s feelings by the end of the chapter?
6. What does Gatsby reply when Nick asks him how he makes his money? Why does Nick find that significant?

Chapter 6

1. When does James Gatz change his name? Why?
2. In what way was Dan Cody involved in Gatsby's destiny?
3. What suspicions does Tom have about Gatsby? What does he vow to do?
4. What is Daisy’s real response to the party, according to Nick?
5. What does Gatsby tell Nick Carraway he wants Daisy to do?

Chapter 7

1. Why does Gatsby stop giving parties?
2. What does Gatsby learn about Daisy in which he can hardly believe is real?
3. When does Tom first realize that Daisy loves Gatsby?
4. Why is Myrtle Wilson upset when she sees Tom and Jordan?
5. Why does George Wilson lock Myrtle in the bedroom?
6. After running Myrtle down, why doesn't Daisy stop the car?

Chapter 8

1. What does Gatsby tell Nick the night of the accident? Why?
2. What does Nick declare to Gatsby concerning the Buchanans?
3. How does George Wilson spend the night after the accident?
4. What evidence had Wilson found that his wife was having an affair?
5. Summarize the event found between George Wilson and Jay Gatsby at the end of the chapter.

Chapter 9

1. What is the motive publicly given for Wilson’s murder of Gatsby?
2. What does the telephone call from Chicago tell us about Gatsby’s business?
3. What does Klipspringer want from Nick? How does Nick react to this?
4. Why is Gatsby’s father so proud of him?
5. What does Tom confess to Nick when they meet that fall? Does he regret what he has done?

Vocabulary from “The Great Gatsby”

Below are 15 vocabulary words. Write the definition of the vocabulary word, **and** then put this word into the context of your own sentence (include the word in a sentence). (2 pts. Each – 20 pts total)

**Feign –**

Context:

**Elicit –**

Context:

**Contiguous –**

Context:

**Ingratiate –**

Context:

**Interpose –**

Context:

**Permeate –**

Context:

**Reproach –**

Context:

**Insidious –**

Context:

**Vicarious –**

Context:

**Forlorn –**

Context: